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ARE THEY ANGRY?

The Opposition Seem to be a Little Riled.

When we took up the Benton Record of last week and began to read the article headed "Circuit Clerk and Recorder," we expected to be annoyed with some of Smith's miscellaneous ideas (?) and told the "devil" to provide some paragon. Before we had half finished the article, however, we concluded that Smith wasn't "in it" at all, but that Ed. Crowe or Tommy Moore had babbled up serenely. But at the close—here was the give-away. We recognized the eloquence (?) We had heard it before. "No, sir; we know the metal of our county judges. They are men of stamina and good judgment." This is the same strain of argument used by our so-called prosecuting attorney when he was pleading before Squire Cannon, trying to send Jake Miller to the penitentiary for having a fifteen cent toy trick which the sapient Joe thought was a counterfeiting machine. He knew the "stamina and good judgment" of the "Squire," and he knew that the defendant would be convicted, and he was—by a court which Joseph ought to have known had no jurisdiction in the case.

As Smith is conceded to be a back number, and as everybody knows that his "opinion" on any subject is for sale at the rate of five cents per square yard, we will devote our attention to the next smallest thing we know of—our "astoot" prosecuting attorney—for Smith and Moore "are as closely allied as the Siamese twins, of whom it was said that when one took snuff the other sneezed."

Mr. Moore says the Newsboy's statement of matters concerning the offices of circuit clerk and recorder were incorrect. Let's see if they were. The Newsboy stated that the county clerk's and collector's offices were the only offices in the county that paid better than the circuit clerk's office. We say so yet. According to Mr. Moore's own figures he succeeded in finding but one office that paid over seven hundred dollars, and that was the sheriff's. He says the sheriff's office pays \$1,000, but men who have held that office and ought to know say it does not pay more than half that amount. Last year the circuit clerk's office paid \$702.65, and it bids fair to exceed that amount this year.

The fact that few of the southeast counties have divided the offices out to no figure. Stoddard county has taken the lead and there is no telling how many counties may follow her example in May. Besides, in counties where chattel mortgages are comparatively few, the recorder's office is the poorer of the two.

We still contend that change would not cost our people one cent. We have a recorder's office all fitted up for the business, and we also have a recorder—but he was not elected by the people. If Mr. Moore will take the trouble, he will find that the records of Scott County are in Judge Leedy's hand writing. But Mr. Moore seems to be terribly worried over the cost to the people. Colored crap shooters are easily convicted, and little consideration is shown by our innocent Joseph for the people's money when he can make a State case out of a municipal offense, and saddle the county with the costs.

But Mr. Moore says "the office of circuit clerk has averaged only \$440 per annum for the past five years; that in 1891 it only paid \$300, and all this coupled with the fact that the present incumbent collects old fees every year. Aside from this the average would not be probably over \$300. In other words, the fees earned in the past five years would not exceed \$300 per annum."

What a great head! Wonder why he confines his average to only five years? If he cares to go into the average business, why does he not give the people the exact figures and begin his average with the beginning of the present incumbent's occupancy? Probably he concluded that it would not comport with his line of argument (?). However, as he has gone into the average business with his usual squirt-gun accuracy, we shall

try to help him out. We shall not select a few years which might give figures most favorable to our side of the question, but will give the figures for each year since Mr. Leedy took office.

YEAR.	AMOUNT.	YEAR.	AMOUNT.
1879	\$ 425.50	1886	\$ 519.90
1880	490.75	1887	539.60
1881	498.75	1888	501.79
1882	542.79	1889	463.93
1883	556.83	1890	396.40
1884	513.20	1891	360.56
1885	941.92	1892	390.50
		1893	702.65

Total.....\$ 7,875.12

Hence it may be seen that aside from all fees earned by taking acknowledgements, writing of deeds and other like work incidental to the office, the circuit clerk's office, "coupled with the fact that the present incumbent collects old fees every year," has paid an average of \$525 for the past fifteen years. It will be noticed that during Judge O'Bryan's administration the revenues of the office were reduced. This was on account of the short terms of court. Under existing circumstances it is safe to say that there is from \$700 to \$1,000 in the circuit clerk's office—including the taking of acknowledgements, etc. How many good and capable clerks and book-keepers in our county are working from 7 o'clock a. m. until 9 o'clock p. m. for a salary much less than this? And yet the cry goes up, "It won't pay a man to have it." We, for one, will promise the people of Scott County that the office shall not go begging. We are no office seeker, but we are always ready to serve the people, and if no one can be found to accept the office we will allow the Governor to appoint us. But don't let this worry you. Let the county court separate the offices and then see what a scramble there will be for the circuit clerkship.

The Central Committee Meeting.

Pursuant to call, the Scott County Democratic Central Committee met at Benton Saturday the 31st ult., present, Albert De Reig, chairman, Moreland, C. N. Welch, Tywappity, C. I. Anderson, Commerce; W. G. Atchison, Morley; W. R. Sherer, Sandyland; John L. Tanner, Richard and Chas. A. Leedy, Secretary. Absent, Moran Compas, Kelso and Alex. Wright, Sylvania.

On motion of W. G. Atchison, H. H. Daugherty was appointed Congressional committeeman for Scott County to fill the vacancy caused by the death of John R. Coffman.

On motion of W. R. Sherer the call printed elsewhere was ordered.

It was further ordered that meetings be held at each voting precinct, and if any precinct fail to hold convention the other precinct in the township be entitled to vote the entire vote of such township. Also that each township elect three township committeemen at the primary election, one of whom shall be chairman and represent the township in county committee meeting.

Committee adjourned subject to call of the chair.

Waterworks are a good thing to have in a city like the Cape, so are electric lights, but the average citizen is more interested in having a store where he can get the best and pay the least for it. This condition is filled when you do your trading at "THE BEE."

The Oran Town Board reads: W. H. Stubblefield, Joe Hess, R. H. Querry, W. J. McCord and W. F. Friend. W. H. Stubblefield is the new School Director. Eight months school voted.

The County Board of Equalization adjourned Thursday. The valuation was raised—principally in the towns—some \$14,000. The Board of Appeals will meet Monday the 23d inst.

Messrs. Regenhart and Klages, of Cape Girardeau, will run a permanent brick yard in Benton and expect to commence operations next week.

The Benton Town Board elected Tuesday is as follows: C. A. Leedy, W. W. Robertson, Jas. McPheeters, P. A. Hafner and H. L. Yeakey.

Dr. C. D. Harris is associated with Dr. C. C. Harris in the practice of medicine at Morley. All responsible calls attended, day or night.

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From New York Settlement.

I have a proposition to make worthy of the consideration of the county court. It is that said court shall, upon petition, redistrict the county as follows:

1st. To detach Commerce township from District 1 and attach it to District 2.

2nd. To detach Morley township from District 2 and attach it to District 1.

My reasons for the change are these: 1st, it will divide the county more in a square and compact shape. 2nd, it puts it in such shape that a District Judge can more readily know the wants of the people whom he represents. 3rd, it puts the hills all in one District and the level land in another.

Now, while this is true, it is also true that the demands for a hill country are different from those of a level country. If the court should make the change, then one judge represents nearly all the level country while the other would represent nearly all the hill country, and each of them would be more useful to his own people.

I have been led to this conclusion by the fact that as the county is now divided it frequently happens that a voter at one end of a district is not acquainted with the candidate from the other end—even by name. If any reader of the Newsboy thinks I am wrong, let him point out my error.

Economy.

Stray Notice.

A bay mare 15½ hands high, black main and tail, white hind foot, few white hairs in forehead, forefoot short. Take up and notify James V. Conran, New Madrid, Mo.

There will be a basket meeting at Cross Plains church Sunday May 6th. Everybody invited.

C. J. Heisserer will feed horses at Vincent Heisserer's barn during the April term of circuit court. Ample room and the best of care guaranteed.

Mrs. Chas. and Miss Daisy Leedy, Dr. Butler and Mont. Wade visited Cape Girardeau Monday.

Two choice mares for sale, will work well anywhere. Just the animals for family use. Cash or good notes. W. C. LAMBERT, Benton, Mo.

C. J. Heisserer has added an extension and a cellar to his restaurant.

Anderson Bros., at Commerce, have just opened a large stock of new Spring Goods, and are in the market to win. See them and save money.

The Commerce people re-elected their old Town Board.

First-class baled Timothy Hay for sale. Apply to Mrs. SUSAN GAITHER, Commerce, Mo.

FROM ORAN.

A. J. Smith and wife, Florence Watkins, W. C. Cato, Misses Black, Finley, Pearl Finley, Clara Maddox and Minnie Spradling were immersed last Sunday evening by Rev. Reeves.

Mr. English was baptized at the same time by Rev. Kennedy. An enormous crowd of Morley and Oran citizens witnessed the scene.

James M. Martin, of Morley, is visiting his daughter, Miss Lillie, at this writing.

Rube Matthews, of Sikeston, was here Monday.

Miss Sallie Shumate, of Sikeston, is visiting Mrs. Wm. Stubblefield at this writing.

Dr. Clark and the electric belt man and wife went to Commerce Monday. They can make good music and don't you forget it.

Father Brandt, of Charleston, will lecture here next Sunday night. Those wishing to hear something worth listening to will do well to be on hand.

Dr. W. E. Harris is having a new fence put around his home place.

Misses Somlin and Snider, of Allentown, visited relatives and friends here Sunday and Monday.

Your parents or party being in error does not justify you in being likewise.

Frank Gangle moved back to Oran Tuesday.

Ernest Howle has charge of the job department of the Baptist Gleam at Fulton, Ky.

Col. Gillispie and your scribe refused to vote the mixed ticket last Tuesday. We believe in straight tickets. We believe in organization and in putting the best men in either party forward for office, thereby securing the best officials.

The populists will organize here next Saturday. Big speakers are advertised for that day.

Mr. Cato, of Allentown, moved into the John Meyers property since our last letter.

Mrs. Ben Lyons, Mrs. Hardin and little John Meyers are reported on the sick list.

Wm. Watson, of Morley, was here Wednesday.

Mr. Dirnberger, of Hamburg, was here Wednesday on business.

The rafters will be on the new Catholic church by the time this reaches the reader.

Lumber and wheat are being shipped from Oran to-day (Wednesday).

The Hughes hotel is about completed.

Mr. Lampson, the lumber dealer, was here Wednesday buying lumber.

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FROM SIKESTON.

The Charleston District M. E. Conference is in session here. The delegates began arriving Tuesday. Bishop Duncan addressed the assembly Wednesday night.

The municipal election closed Tuesday evening with much cheering for E. B. Mills, the successful candidate for mayor. Robt. W. Johnson was elected marshal by a majority of 21 over Harp. The following gentlemen were elected aldermen: Jno. D. Ebert, Jas. P. Shelby, Linton Jones and John Edmonson. Henry Emory was elected member of the School Board vice R. G. Applegate.

Mr. V. O. Scofield, of Blodgett, spent the early part of the week here on business.

Thos. Hinkle, of Oran, spent Saturday in Sikeston. Tom is a candidate for County Recorder and from indications he will make a good race.

Albert DeReign, of Benton, candidate for Representative, was in town Saturday shaking hands with his many friends here.

Judge Leedy and Mont. Wade were among our visitors from Benton this week.

The death of Mrs. Cy Jones was a great surprise to her many friends here. Mrs. Jones died at Essex last Saturday, where she had gone to see her daughter, Mrs. Clayton, with spinal meningitis. Dr. Wyatt was called on Friday in consultation with other physicians but was too late to be of service. Mrs. Jones was buried from the Baptist church here on Sunday afternoon.

A Mr. Smith, of Cairo, has about made arrangements to open a first-class bakery and confectionery here.

The salt river packet was not as well loaded as some expected but was a very good contrivance to amuse the citizens. The big bell and flags, with the shouts for the successful candidates made things lively for a time. But this was nothing compared to the little fun indulged in by two reckless "scrappers," while long legs, big talk and horse pistols made up the background.

The seventy-fifth anniversary of Old Fellows will be celebrated at Fredericktown on April 26th.

A special train of seven coaches will be run from Poplar Bluff. Sikeston will have a special coach and the fare from here will be \$2 round trip.

Quite a number are arranging to take advantage of a good cheap excursion.

Circuit Reporter.

FARMERS! Now is your time to buy your shoes and clothing 25 percent cheaper than any house in Scott County.

G. MANDELSON, Oran, Mo.

Sam Jones has helped us out. We knew how we felt about it, but searched the language in vain for words to express that feeling. Sam has done us an amazing amount of good. Hear him: "Of all the box-ankled, bandy-shanked, flea-bitten, bottail, lop-eared, mangy, courageless, brainless jackasses that ever assembled since God made the world I think for pure, downright cussedness the present gang in Congress, headed by Hill in the Senate and tailed by 'no quorum' in the House, beats all."—Charleston Democrat.

Mr. DeReign has the foundation pillars of his house in and the carpenters are at work.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Leedy and Wm. Reeder were in Sikeston Wednesday.

E. H. Smith has put a net wire fence around his lot.

Capt. L. Hay is now in office as postmaster at Charleston.

C. F. Bonnefon's new residence is under roof.

Cape Girardeau contractors are bidding for work in Benton. Fritz Steek, Mr. Goetz and the Messrs. Reigenhardt have been here during the past week, figuring on local jobs.

The weather has again become genial and spring-like. We may now reasonably hope for mild temperature and April showers. Good bye, old Winter—you were the gentlest of your race.

Ladies, if you want any Calico, Dress Goods, Cashmeres, Gingham or White Goods, don't forget G. MANDELSON'S place at Oran. You can there get any kind of goods for less money than in any town in South-east Missouri.

GRAND AND PETIT JURIES.

The following are the Grand and Petit juries drawn to serve during the ensuing term of Circuit Court:

GRAND JURY. Jas. Marshall, Frank Shanks, Geo. Watson, N. Townes, Rafoff Royal, Peter Hoeler, J. J. Miller, Joe Utu-nage, Chas. Beattie, J. T. Anderson, F. Oster, E. F. Lober.

PETIT JURY. W. D. Goddard, Josh Mason, G. B. Green, Chas. Smith, Ed. Warren, J. W. Parott, V. L. Harris, H. H. Daugherty, W. W. Buttrick, Frank Reddick, Wm. O'Herron, Adam Burger, Mike Dirnberger, W. H. Norrid, Louis Pfeffercorn, W. H. Hutson, W. P. Matthews, W. W. Campbell, Joe Jenkins, Albert Ellis, Wm. C. Moore, E. L. Brown, J. L. Hale, T. J. Hughes.

The Benton Dramatic Club went to Morley Friday night of last week and presented the pieces they played here the previous Tuesday night. It was bad management. Practically no notice had been given, and the result was a five dollar house which did not meet expenses by several dollars. As the money earned in Benton belongs to the church, the club will have to foot the loss. Rule and ruin is a bad thing for a dramatic or any other organization.

The election of a School Director in Benton Tuesday resulted in the retention of Dr. Freeling in the seat to which he was appointed on the resignation of Mr. De Reig. Squire Schoen, by a unanimous vote, was allowed to become a patron in the New Hamburg instead of the Benton district. Eight months school was voted.

Morley elected a Town Board composed thus: J. W. Faller, M. M. Lawrence, Jas. Smith, R. L. Harrison and W. J. Greer. J. H. Cooper is the new School Director. A \$4,000 school building was voted for. Hon. Wm. Hunter donating a block for the site thereof. Six months school next winter.

Mr. I. A. Crenshaw, of Charleston, put up a warehouse at Benton depot in the near future. The well-known, according to Mr. Pott on Monday, will be rebuilt, according to the same authority on Tuesday, will not be rebuilt on Wednesday, will be rebuilt, and so on—but nobody is losing his appetite over it.

Circuit court is sitting in Charleston. The notorious Sibley case of change of venue from this county is on the docket, but will probably be again continued for want of the prosecuting witness, who, despite the Herculean efforts (?) of our prosecuting attorney, is carefully kept out of the way.

Benton is loaded for visitors during circuit court. About every house in town is preparing to uphold a good name for hospitality—at current rates. Nobody will be able to say that Benton can't provide for all comers. There will be a nice lot of fresh roasted peanuts for impecunious Morlevites.

The docket of the April term of circuit court is unusually heavy. The criminal docket, especially, is formidable, and there are several change of venue cases from other counties. We are likely to have a three weeks term or an adjourned term later.

According to the Charleston Democrat, Joe Crandall has sued A. J. Matthews, of Sikeston, for \$30,000—the alleged value of an eye which he lost in a recent "unpleasantness."

During circuit court visitors will find good board, lodgings, feed and stabling at W. C. Lambert's. He will run two hacks to and from all trains.

The county Board of Equalization was in session this week. The State Board has raised the valuation in this county 20 per cent and there will probably be considerable readjustment by the county Board.

Married, by Judge Leedy, in Benton, March 30, 1894, Miss Julia Wallace to Mr. John Wallace, both of Little River.

Albert De Reig was in Sikeston the latter part of last week.